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1. The Soviet Oil Administration is dismissing approximately 1000 employees.¹ Considerable personnel reductions have already taken place in Drilling Sections (Bohrbetrieb) I and II. 30 employees were to be terminated at Moosbierbaum on 3 August 1953.
2. The following SMV offices are being dissolved: Seismik, Structural and Counter-flush Drilling, Tamponage, Buero fuer Sonden-Generalreparaturen.
3. The producing fields have been ordered to make preparations for laying their own pipe. Heretofore, pipe laying was a function of the Bau und Montage Abteilung (Building and Construction Section).
4. Work has ceased in the following test-drill areas: Enzersdorf, Klein Neusiedl, Kagan, Leopoldsdorf, Parndorf.²

1. Comment: large personnel reductions are being carried out.

2. Comment: Reports so far received on the general reorganization of the SNV indicate the abandonment of efforts to increase crude oil production.

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